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Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Official Action dated June 23, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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